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THE THING IN THE CAVE!

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The MONSTER AWAKES

AN ADVENTURE INTO TERROR!

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I SHALL NEVER FORGET IT! HOW COULD I EVER ERASE FROM MY MIND THE HORRIBLE MEMORY OF THAT STORMFILLED NIGHT! IT IS ETCHED INTO MY MEMORY, CAUSING ME, EVEN NOW YEARS LATER, TO WAKE IN THE NIGHT, MY EYES WIDE IN TERROR, MY HEART POUNDING LIKE A JUNGLE DRUM, SCREAMING... SCREAMING!

THEN, EARS STRAINED, I LISTEN IN THE NIGHT! EVERYTHING IS QUIET! THERE ARE ONLY THE ORDINARY, PEACEFUL SOUNDS OF THE WORLD AT SLEEP! THERE IS NO GIANT RUMBLING AS IF THE VERY BOWELS OF THE EARTH WERE ERUPTING... I LISTEN... AND I AM GRATEFUL! FOR ANOTHER NIGHT HAS PASSED AND THE MONSTER STILL SLEEPS! THE WORLD IS YET SAFE...

SO I REST MY TROUBLED HEAD ONCE MORE ON MY PILLOW... AND I FALL INTO A FITFUL SLEEP.. TO DREAM ONCE AGAIN THE EVENTS OF THAT NIGHT LONG AGO!

I'M HIT! I'M... GOING... TO CRASH! EEEEE-EHA!

IT WAS DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF THE GREAT WAR! I WAS ONE OF CHENNAULT'S FLYING TIGERS AND MY SHIP WAS SHOT DOWN NEAR THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA DURING A BATTLE IN A THUNDERSTORM!

AS A FIGHTER-PILOT I WAS READY TO DIE WHEN MY TIME CAME! BUT, I WAS YOUNG AND I DID NOT WISH TO DIE! I ESCAPED DEATH AS MY PLANE CRASHED INTO THE MOUNTAIN SIDE! THE AREA WAS POCK-MARKED WITH GREAT BOMB HOLES!

I'M UNHURT! GOT TO... HIDE... SO THE JAPS DON'T-- SEE ME...! DIG INTO THAT CAVE-IN! WITH LUCK ON MY SIDE-- I'LL BE... OKAY!

I DUG PAST THE WALL OF DIRT AND ROCKS AND FOUND MYSELF IN A GREAT CAVERN!

WHAT THE BLAZES! THIS CAVE IS BIG ENOUGH TO SERVE AS A HANGER! BUT IT'S AN EERIE PLACE... COLD... DANK! WHY AM I SHAKING?

A BAT, SILENT, SWIFT, FLEW PAST MY HEAD AND MY FLESH CRAWLED! FUMES WAFTED ABOUT, SENDING THEIR UNHOLY STINK INTO MY LUNGS AND I FOUND MYSELF GROWING DIZZY!

UGH! WHAT SORT OF PLACE IS THIS? IT'S NOT JUST A CAVE... IT'S MORE LIKE... A TOMB! IT HAS THE STENCH OF DEATH!

I WANTED TO GET OUT! THE BULLETS OF THE ENEMY HELD NO TERROR FOR ME... BUT THIS PLACE DID! I KNEW THAT IF I STAYED THERE A MOMENT LONGER I WOULD GO STARK, RAVING MAD!

GOT... TO... GET OUT OF HERE! I'M GETTING DIZZY! MY HEAD IS SPINNING! GOT... TO... GET OUT!

FRANTICALLY MY EYES SEARCHED THE MURKY INTERIOR FOR THE EXIT.. THE REALIZATION THAT I MIGHT BE SEALED IN THAT MISERABLE CAVERN FOR ETERNITY STUNNED ME! ABRUPTLY, I SAW WHAT I THOUGHT WAS MY EGRESS TO FREEDOM...

WAIT! WHAT'S THAT?

MY EYES MADE OUT A GREAT VAULT AT ONE END OF THE CAVE! IT WAS COVERED WITH THE RUST OF MANY CENTURIES! I STUMBLED TOWARD IT!

MAYBE... IT'S A WAY OUT... OF HERE! IT HAS A HANDLE... IF I CAN TURN IT... MAYBE I CAN ESCAPE... I CAN BREATH! GIVE ME THE STRENGTH!

I SHOULD HAVE STAYED TO DIE! RATHER A STIFLING, CHOKING DEATH THAN WHAT I SAW WHEN I TURNED THAT HANDLE! THE DOOR OF THE GREAT VAULT SWUNG OPEN... AND OUT CAME... THE MONSTER! HUGE, UGLY, HIS WEIRD LAUGHTER ECHOING FROM THE WALLS OF THE CAVE!

HA! HEEEE! HO! HO!

GREAT THUNDER! WHAT IS THIS?!

HE WAS TREMENDOUS, HIS HEAD SCRAPING THE CEILING OF THE CAVE WHICH WAS AT LEAST A HUNDRED FEET HIGH! HE LOOKED DOWN AT ME AS I, PARALYZED WITH FEAR AND WONDER, WAS SPEECHLESS!

I FOUND MY SENSES AT LAST AND TURNED TO FLEE FROM THIS NIGHTMARE! BUT HIS GIGANTIC HAND CAUGHT ME!

THANK YOU FOR AWAKENING ME AND FREEING ME FROM MY PRISON! WAIT! I WILL NOT HARM YOU! YOU ARE MY FRIEND! YOU WILL COME WITH ME!

UP ON MY SHOULDER WITH YOU! HANG ON TIGHTLY, FOR I AM ABOUT TO DO WHAT I HAVE WAITED THOUSANDS OF CENTURIES IN SLEEP TO DO! COME!

AS I LOOKED DOWN FROM THE DIZZY HEIGHTS OF THE THING'S SHOULDER, WITH HIS GIANT FIST HE TOOK ONE SWIPE AT THE WALL OF THE CAVE AND IT CRUMBLED LIKE PAPER!

AH! THE OUTSIDE WORLD! AT LAST I SHALL SEE IT AGAIN! MY LONG REST HAS MADE ME HUNGER FOR DESTRUCTION!

THE BATTLE IN THE SKIES WAS STILL GOING ON! HE LOOKED UP IN AMAZEMENT AT THE STRANGE, DARTING PLANES AND SWEEPING HIS ARMS ABOUT, HE DESTROYED THEM ALL, FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE!

WHAT ARE THESE? SOME SORT OF LARGE BIRDS? OUT OF MY WAY!

HE BEGAN HIS GRIM MARCH! HE DIDN'T CLIMB OVER OR AROUND MOUNTAINS... **HE SHOVED THEM OUT OF THE WAY!**

HA! HO! I FREE... FREE TO REAP HAVOC AND DESTRUCTION!

WHERE IS HE GOING? WHAT DOES HE INTEND DOING?

I FOUND OUT SOON ENOUGH! WE CAME TO A CHINESE VILLAGE... HE TRAMPLED ON THE HELPLESS NATIVES AS IF THEY WERE ANTS! THIS COULDN'T BE REAL! THIS WAS A NIGHTMARE! BUT... THOSE SCREAMS OF AGONY... THEY WERE REAL... TOO REAL!

EEEEEE

I EXPLODED INTO A PLEA OF MERCY FOR THE DAZED HUMANITY HE WAS DESTROYING!

STOP! STOP THIS PITILESS MASSACRE! I BEG YOU... **STOP!**

HO! HO! **NEVER!** I HAVE WAITED TOO LONG FOR THIS! AND I'M NOT THROUGH YET!

AT LAST HIS BLOOD-LUST WAS SATED! HE TRAMPLED OFF, HIS HEAVY FEET SOUNDING LIKE CLAPS OF THUNDER, LEAVING BEHIND US A WAKE OF DEATH, DESTRUCTION AND HORROR!

THAT WAS GOOD... GOOD! COME, MY SAVIOR! WE SHALL RETURN TO THE CAVE SO WE CAN PLOT OUR NEXT MOVE!

WE? YOU MURDEROUS MONSTER, DON'T INCLUDE **ME** IN YOUR DIRTY WORK! WHY DON'T YOU KILL ME TOO? I'D RATHER DIE THAN SEE ONCE AGAIN THE HORROR YOU HAVE WROUGHT!

NO, MY FRIEND! I WILL NOT KILL YOU! I AM INDEBTED TO YOU... FOR YOU FREED ME!

...AND FOR THAT I DESERVE TO DIE!

LISTEN TO ME SO THAT YOU MAY UNDERSTAND! THOUSANDS OF CENTURIES AGO I RECEIVED AN ASSIGNMENT FROM MY LORD AND RULER... BAZOR, KING OF THE UNDERWORLD DEMI-GODS! HE SAID TO ME...

GARAZ, YOU ARE TO TRAVEL OUT OF THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH WHERE WE ARE NOW... AND TO THE SURFACE... WHERE LIVE THE MORTALS WHO RULE THAT SURFACE! YOU ARE TO SEE HOW STRONG THEY ARE! IF WE ARE WEAK, RETURN AND TELL US! THEN WE SHALL CONQUER THEM AND TAKE THE SURFACE FOR OURSELVES!

SO BE IT, MIGHTY BAZOR!

"WEAK?" I FOUND THE SURFACE-DWELLERS PUNY AND HELPLESS! AS SOON AS I ARRIVED I DESTROYED WHOM I PLEASED! AH! I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME!

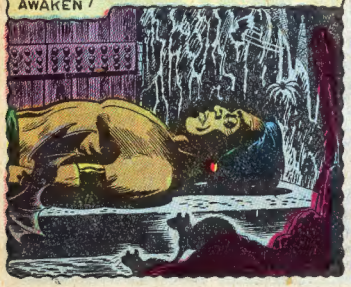
I WAS ABOUT TO GO BACK TO MY PEOPLE, TO REPORT THAT THE EARTH WAS OURS FOR THE TAKING! I CAME TO THIS CAVE TO BEGIN MY JOURNEY. AND THERE I SAW THE SURVIVOR OF MY HOLOCAUST! THIS WAS CHONG-SOH, A MIGHTY MAGICIAN OF HIS TIME. HE FACED ME WITHOUT FEAR!

HO! YOU STILL LIVE, DO YOU? I'LL SOON FIX THAT! HO! WHAT IS THAT GREAT DOOR?
FOUL FIEND, THAT IS YOUR TOMB! THERE YOU SHALL SLEEP UNTIL THE END OF TIME!

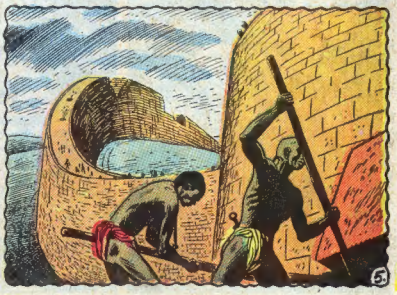
HO! HO! AND WHO IS GOING TO BRING THIS ABOUT? YOU? HA! HA! IMPRISON ME INDEED! I'LL SQUASH YOU LIKE A BEETLE. AND THEN I GO TO CALL MY COMRADES!
WAIT!

THEN HE SPOKE THE WORDS! WEIRD, STRANGE, WORDS.. CAUSING MY EYES TO CLOSE, MY BODY TO RELAX AND WHEN HE FINISHED I WAS POWERLESS.. THE SERVANT OF CHONG-SOH'S WILL.. READY TO OBEY HIS COMMAND..

I HEARD AND I OBEYED! I WENT INTO THE VAULT TO SLEEP UNTIL TODAY! FOR COUNTLESS AGES I SLEPT, HELPLESS TO MOVE, WHILE MY COMRADES IN THE DEEPEST PART OF THE EARTH WAITED AND WONDERED! ONLY IF THE VAULT DOOR WERE OPENED WOULD I AWAKEN!



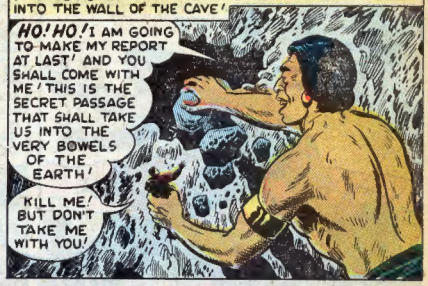
THE PEOPLE OF CHINA WORKED FURIOUSLY NIGHT AND DAY TO BUILD A GREAT WALL AROUND MY TOMB! THE WALL OF CHINA WAS NOT ORIGINALLY BUILT TO KEEP OUT THE HORDES OF GHENGIS KHAN. BUT TO MAKE SURE I WOULD NOT ESCAPE!

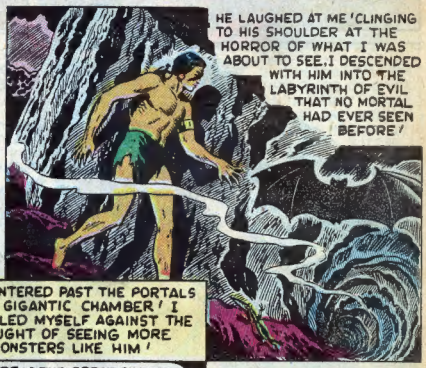


BUT AS THE AGES AND CENTURIES WENT BY THE PEOPLE FORGOT ABOUT THEIR SLEEPING PRISONER! THE WALL CRUMBLED AND ITS PURPOSE WAS FORGOTTEN IN THE DIM DARK RECESSES OF THE PAST! EONS LATER, IT WAS REBUILT, MUCH SMALLER, TO REPEL GHENGIS KHAN BUT I STILL SLEPT, FORGOTTEN BY HUMANITY, BUT WAITING

THIS WAS THE REINCARNATION OF MAN'S WILDEST, IMAGININGS! THE TEPID ATMOSPHERE WAS CHARGED WITH THE DANKNESS OF THINGS LONG DEAD! SLITHERING, UGLY SLIMY THINGS CREPT ABOUT. VULTURE-LIKE BATS FLEW BY! I WAS BEYOND FEAR MY VERY SOUL FROZE IN HORROR!

THE MONSTER FINISHED HIS UNBELIEVABLE STORY! I REALIZED NOW WHAT HIS PURPOSE WAS...HE PICKED ME UP ONCE AGAIN WITH ONE HAND HE SHOVED A HOLE INTO THE WALL OF THE CAVE!


HO! HO! I AM GOING TO MAKE MY REPORT AT LAST! AND YOU SHALL COME WITH ME! THIS IS THE SECRET PASSAGE THAT SHALL TAKE US INTO THE VERY BOWELS OF THE EARTH!
KILL ME! BUT DON'T TAKE ME WITH YOU!


HE LAUGHED AT ME! CLINGING TO HIS SHOULDER AT THE HORROR OF WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO SEE, I DESCENDED WITH HIM INTO THE LABYRINTH OF EVIL THAT NO MORTAL HAD EVER SEEN BEFORE!

WE ENTERED PAST THE PORTALS OF A GIGANTIC CHAMBER! I STEELED MYSELF AGAINST THE THOUGHT OF SEEING MORE MONSTERS LIKE HIM!

HERE IS THE GREAT CHAMBER OF THE COURT OF BAZOR! SEE HOW HAPPY THEY WILL BE TO SEE ME AFTER ALL THESE AGES! BAZOR! COMRADES! I AM HERE! I HAVE RETURNED!
DON'T! DON'T TAKE ME IN THERE!

SUDDENLY HE STOPPED! HIS BODY TREMBLED LIKE AN ERUPTING VOLCANO! HIS EYES OPENED WIDE IN HORROR AS HE LOOKED INTO THE ROOM! I, TOO, LOOKED AND SAW

ONE AFTER THE OTHER THEY LAY, STILL IN DEATH! THE GREAT CHAMBER OF THE COURT OF BAZOR HAD BECOME A TOMB FOR THE DEMI-GODS! THEY EXISTED NO MORE... SAVE AS DEAD HULKS! IT WAS A SIGHT TO BRING MADNESS TO MORTAL MIND!

THEN GARAZ LIFTED HIS GIANT ARMS AND ROARED OUT A WAIL OF MOURNING... AND VENGEANCE!

TOO LATE! I AM TOO LATE! THEY ARE DEAD... ALL OF THEM! I AM THE LAST OF THE DEMI-GODS! BUT EVEN I ALONE AM STRONGER THAN ALL OF MANKIND! I SHALL DO ALONE WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TOGETHER, MY COMRADES! I SHALL DESTROY THE SURFACE-DWELLERS UNTIL ONLY I EXIST ON THE EARTH! THIS IS MY VOW!

WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD HE TURNED AND PLUNGED UPWARD AGAIN TO THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH! HIS RAGE WAS A TERRIBLE THING TO SEE! HE WAS ABOUT TO DESTROY MANKIND... AND I WAS HELPLESS TO STOP HIM!

AT LAST WE WERE IN THE CAVE ONCE MORE! MY BRAIN WAS WHIRLING! UNLESS I COULD THINK OF SOMETHING, THE HUMAN RACE WAS LOST FOREVER! THEN... AN IDEA CAME TO ME!

GARAZ, YOU WILL NOT KILL ME AS YOU WILL THE OTHERS, WILL YOU?

OH... NO! YOU ARE MY SAVIOR! I CAN NOT KILL YOU... BUT THE REST OF YOUR KIND SHALL PERISH ...TODAY!

GOOD! THEY ARE FOOLS ANYWAY! I AM WITH YOU ON THIS! I AM YOUR FRIEND, GARAZ!

I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT, EARTHLING! IT WILL BE LONELY HERE ON EARTH FOR ME AFTER THE SURFACE DWELLERS ARE DESTROYED! COME! WE HAVE WORK TO DO!

WAIT, GARAZ! THAT CHANT... THE MAGIC WORDS THAT THE MAGICIAN USED TO PUT YOU TO SLEEP... WILL YOU TELL YOUR FRIEND WHAT THEY WERE?

YOU ARE MY SAVIOR... SO I SHALL TELL YOU! THAT CHANT ALWAYS AFFECTED DEMI-GODS THAT WAY... ALWAYS MADE US SLEEP! THIS IS IT...

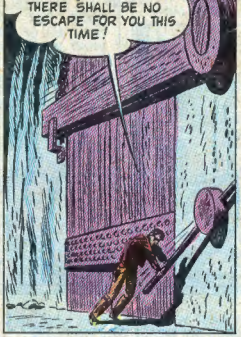
TRAPPED BY MY FALSE FRIENDSHIP, HE RECITED THE CHANT... AND AS HE DID... HIS EYES GREW HEAVY WITH SLEEP...

OKRA BETON SOL! MAVRENA JA DEMO TOBAL! REDIT -- OH... ...I ...I... AM... SLEEPY...

ENTER... ENTER THE TOMB, GARAZ!

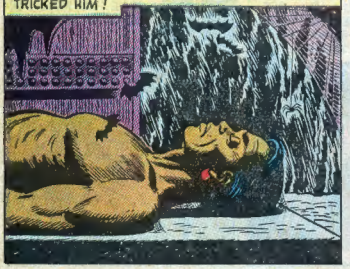
I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY GOOD FORTUNE! IT WAS WORKING! OBEDIENT AS A PUP, THE MONSTER WALKED BACK INTO HIS TOMB!

THERE! THE DOOR IS CLOSED AND LOOKED ONCE AGAIN! SLEEP FOREVER, MONSTER! THERE SHALL BE NO ESCAPE FOR YOU THIS TIME!

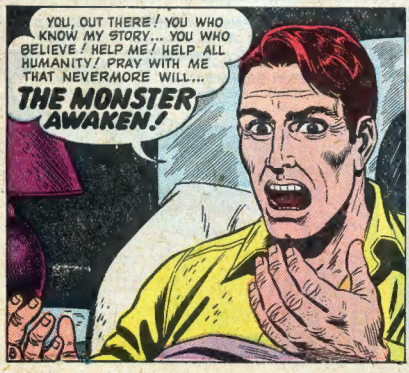


I RUSHED OUTSIDE! THERE I FOUND SOME T.N.T. THAT HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND BY SOLDIERS! I PLACED IT AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAVE AND BLEW IT UP, SEALING IT FOREVER!

ONCE MORE THE MONSTER SLEEPS WITHIN HIS TOMB... ONCE MORE MANKIND IS SAFE FROM HIS DESTRUCTIVE VENGEANCE! BUT... HE ONLY **SLEEPS...** HE IS NOT **DEAD!** AND, IF IN IN THE FUTURE, HE IS FREED ONCE MORE, HE WILL NOT BE TRICKED AGAIN AS I TRICKED HIM!

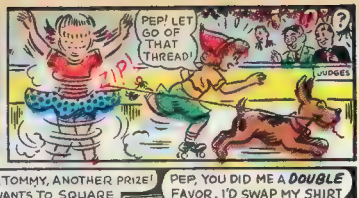


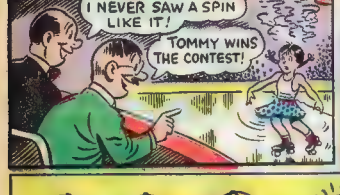
I GOT AWAY FROM THAT PLACE AS QUICKLY AS I COULD! THEN, WHEN I REJOINED MY OUTFIT, I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT MY AWFUL EXPERIENCE! I WAS AFRAID THEY WOULD SAY THAT I WAS A VICTIM OF WAR-NERVES! SO I KEPT MY MEMORIES TO MYSELF! AND WHAT TORTURE THEY WERE!

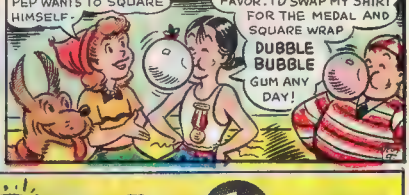

YOU, OUT THERE! YOU WHO KNOW MY STORY... YOU WHO BELIEVE! HELP ME! HELP ALL HUMANITY! PRAY WITH ME THAT NEVERMORE WILL...
THE MONSTER AWAKEN!

SLEEP SHROUDS THE WORLD! NIGHT SPREADS IT'S DARK BLANKET TO BRING REST TO TROUBLED MINDS AND WEARY BODIES! BUT SOMEWHERE ONE MAN CANNOT FIND REST! SOMEWHERE ONE SOUL IS IN CONSTANT AGONY WITH A BITTER, DEADLY MEMORY OF HORROR THAT WILL STAY WITH HIM TILL HIS DYING BREATH!

GEE, TOMMY, WHAT A NEAT SKATING SWEATER!
I KNITTED IT MYSELF FOR THIS CONTEST-
SKATING CONTEST TONITE


PEP! LET GO OF THAT THREAD!
ZIP!
JUDGES


I NEVER SAW A SPIN LIKE IT!
TOMMY WINS THE CONTEST!


HERE, TOMMY, ANOTHER PRIZE! PEP WANTS TO SQUARE HIMSELF-
PEP, YOU DID ME A DOUBLE FAVOR. I'D SWAP MY SHIRT FOR THE MEDAL AND SQUARE WRAP
DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM ANY DAY!

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THE UNKNOWN PARTNER

AN ADVENTURE INTO TERROR!

THERE'S STRENGTH, POWER AND PRESTIGE IN MONEY, AND I DEDICATED EVERY BREATH OF MY LIFE TO THE TASK OF OBTAINING IT... NO MATTER WHOM I HAVE TO HURT OR DOUBLE CROSS TO GET IT! UNFAIR? CRUEL?...PERHAPS, BUT WHERE MONEY AND BUSINESS ARE CONCERNED THERE'S NO ROOM FOR SCRUPLES OR ETHICS...

NO! YOUR NOTES ARE DUE TO-DAY, CARTER... AND YOU'LL PAY TO-DAY OR I'LL THROW YOU INTO BANKRUPTCY! I TOOK A BIG GAMBLE BUYING UP ALL YOUR NOTES AT TEN PERCENT PLUS VALUE! I'VE WON NOW, DEAR BROTHER... AND YOU'VE LOST! NOW PAY UP... OR SHUT UP!

ALL RIGHT TITUS, I'LL SHUT UP..

...BUT NOT BEFORE I'VE HAD MY SAY! YOU'VE RUINED ME JUST TO LINE YOUR BULGING POCKETS WITH MORE MONEY! YOU'VE GOT MORE NOW THAN YOU'LL EVER SPEND, BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS GRASPING FOR MORE! YOU'RE MONEY MAD TITUS... AND ONE OF THESE DAYS YOUR FILTHY LUST FOR IT WILL KILL YOU!

GET OUT YOU WHINING JELLY FISH! YOU CAN'T EVEN TAKE YOUR LOSSES LIKE A MAN!

SURE, I'LL GET OUT, TITUS! I'LL GO.. THIS WAY!
STOP, CARTER, YOU FOOL! STOP!
EEEEAAAAA
THE SPINELESS IDIOT, HE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE GUTS TO LIVE! GOOD RIDDANCE!
THE TITUS H CROCKETT ENTERPRISES WERE BUILT ON A FOUNDATION OF OTHERS' WEAKNESSES AND MY STRENGTH AND SHREWDNESS! I NEVER PASSED UP A GOOD BET I PLAYED BIG AND GAMBLED BIG. AND THE PAY OFF WAS ALWAYS BIG MONEY!
YEAH, I'M PICKING TRUMAN AND I'M COVERING ALL BETS!
YOU MUST BE INSANE, TITUS! HE HASN'T GOT ONE CHANCE IN A MILLION OF BEING RE-ELECTED!
I LIKE THE MAN... AND I LIKE THE ODDS, GENTLEMEN! I'VE GOT TWO HUNDRED GOOD DEMOCRATIC DOLLARS SAYING THE SAME THING!
OKAY, WE WARNED YOU I'LL TAKE TEN THOUSAND OF IT!
PUT ME DOWN FOR TWENTY TITUS!
NO NEED TO TELL YOU WHAT THE NEWSPAPER HEADLINES SHRIEKED ON THAT WEDNESDAY OF NOVEMBER 3, 1948, IS THERE? YEP, IT WAS TRUMAN IN A BIG UPSET ALL RIGHT AND THE BOYS KEPT COMING IN ALL DAY TO PAY OFF THEIR BETS
THANK YOU, SUCKERS! I TOLD YOU I HAD A HUNCH!
FORTY-FIFTY, SIXTY THOUSAND! THERE YOU ARE YOU LUCKY STIFF!
HE'D BET ON ANYTHING!
AT THE CLOSE OF THAT DAY, MY DESK WAS COVERED WITH MOUNTAINS OF MONEY! I RAN MY FINGERS THROUGH THE GREEN STUFF AND LAUGHED WITH DELIRIOUS JOY AT THE SENSATION! THE HOLLOW ECHOES OF THE ROOM HEARD ME AND LAUGHED WITH ME OR WAS IT, AT ME?
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

THAT YEAR PASSED AND THOUGH IT WAS A VERY PROFITABLE ONE, IT DIDN'T SATISFY ME! SURE, I MADE A PILE OF MONEY... BUT I KEPT THINKING OF ALL THE DOUGH THERE WAS STILL TO BE MADE! THOSE THOUGHTS OCCUPIED MY BRAIN! THAT CRISP DAY IN JANUARY OF 1949, WHEN MY SECRETARY BUSTLED INTO MY PRIVATE OFFICE OBVIOUSLY DISTURBED...
AND HE WON'T GIVE HIS NAME, MR. CROCKETT... JUST INSISTS UPON SEEING YOU! HE KEEPS REPEATING THAT HE HAS A PROPOSITION TO OFFER YOU THAT'LL MAKE YOU A LOT OF MONEY ..IF YOU'RE THE RIGHT KIND OF MAN!
LOTS OF MONEY? SHOW HIM IN, YOU FOOL! HURRY!
Y-YES MR. CROCKETT! I'LL DO IT RIGHT. EEEK!
DON'T BE ALARMED, MY DEAR... IT'S ONLY ME! MR. CROCKETT, DID YOU SAY I COULD COME IN?
Y-YES SIR... BUT HOW DID...
QUIT YOUR SPUTTERING MISS RAEY, AND GET OUT OF HERE!
LET ME APOLOGIZE FOR HER STUPIDITY, SIR! NOW WON'T YOU PLEASE HAVE A SEAT MR OH... MR.. ?
FIRST MR. CROCKETT, LET ME STATE MY BUSINESS, I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'RE A MAN WHO NEVER PASSED UP A GOOD BET! IF I FIND YOU WORTHY OF BEING MY PARTNER... ARE YOU WILLING TO GAMBLE YOUR FUTURE WITH ME...WITHOUT KNOWING MY NAME OR MY BUSINESS?
WHAT? DO YOU THINK I'M OUT OF MY MIND? HOW DO I KNOW..
HERE, MR. CROCKETT, PERHAPS YOU WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND AFTER YOU'VE EXAMINED MY PROSPECTS!
THIS PROPERTY... THERE'S MILLIONS OF ACRES REPRESENTED HERE! IS IT ALL YOURS?
EVERY INCH OF IT! I HAVE MORE LAND AND MORE PEOPLE WORKING FOR ME THAN ANYBODY ELSE IN THE WORLD!
THEN YOU MUST ALSO MAKE MORE MONEY THAN ALL BIG SHOTS COMBINED! AND YOU WANT ME AS YOUR PARTNER?
YES, BUT AS I'VE STATED BEFORE...ONLY IF YOU ARE WORTHY OF IT!
THE MAN I WANT MUST BE WILLING TO TAKE RISKS! HE MUST HAVE THE COOL, CALCULATING NERVE OF A GAMBLER, AND HE MUST BE A RUTHLESS, FLINT-HEARTED BUSINESS MAN! HE MUST LOVE MONEY AND SACRIFICE EVERYTHING FOR IT! I WANT NO NAMBY PAMBY.. NO BLUNDERING SISSY!
I'M YOUR MAN! I'M ALL THAT AND MORE!
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I'VE CHEATED, ROBBED, TRICKED AND BLACKMAILED FOR MONEY! REMEMBER A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN SOMEONE FORECLOSED THE MORTAGE ON THE OLD FOLKS HOME..
BUT WHERE WILL WE GO? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US?
I DON'T KNOW BUT I HOPE THAT LIGHTNING STRIKES THE BLACK HEARTED MISER WHO CAUSED THIS!
OLD FOLKS HOME
...AND THE PHONEY STOCK THAT FLOODED THE COUNTRY! RECALL HOW MANY VETERANS AND VET'S WAR WIDOWS WERE SUCKED INTO THAT CROOKED DEAL...?
IT WAS ALL THE MONEY I HAD! LARRY'S INSURANCE MONEY... GONE! (SOB)
I KNOW... THEY GOT ME TOO! ALL MY BONDS... EVERYTHING!
THAT NEW SCHOOL BUILDING COLLAPSED LAST YEAR, KILLING HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN! THE INSPECTORS SAID TOO MUCH SAND IN THE CEMENT CAUSED THE DISASTER!"
CRASH!
P.S.
I WAS BEHIND ALL THOSE DEALS, AND I MADE PLENTY OF MONEY! WHY, ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO I CHEATED MY BROTHER OUT OF HIS BUSINESS... AND CAUSED HIM TO COMMIT SUICIDE!
ENOUGH, MR. CROCKETT! YOU'RE EXACTLY THE TYPE OF MAN I WANT!
YOU MEAN... I'M YOUR PARTNER? AH, GOOD! GOOD! I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR BUSINESS IS... AS LONG AS I CAN MAKE MONEY OUT OF IT!
YES, YOU'RE ONE OF MY BOYS NOW! HERE'S MY BUSINESS CARD... I'LL BE BACK LATER! GOOD DAY, MR. CROCKETT!
GOOD DAY.. HA! HA! YES.. YES IT'S BEEN A VERY GOOD DAY! I'LL MAKE MILLIONS WITH HIM... MILLIONS, AND WHEN THE RIGHT TIME COMES, I'LL CHEAT HIM OUT OF HIS BUSINESS... HA! HA! LET'S SEE WHAT NAME IS ON THIS CARD... OH! NO! NO! HE CAN'T BE... ARRGGG! MY - MY HEART!
YES, TITUS M. CROCKETT... YOU'RE MY PARTNER... YOU'RE ONE OF MY BOYS NOW! I'M TAKING YOUR SOUL BACK TO MY PROPERTY! THEN I MUST RETURN FOR THERE ARE MANY MORE LIKE YOU ON EARTH! THOSE WHO THINK MONEY IS EVERTHING! MANY MORE, TITUS, AND I MUST GET THEM ALL!
SATAN MAKES HERES DEALER IN SOULS
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THE END

THE TOURIST

THE old guy with the whiskers who was whittling on a pine board, folded his knife when he saw the limousine rolling down the street. Two cowboys leaning on the hitch rail craned their necks, then grinned at the desert rat.

One said, "Tourists coming. Say Ace, did you ever hear old Gus do his act?" Ace shook his head. "It's pretty good for an old codger who spent most of his life in a shack on the mountaintop. Just a pack of lies, mostly, I guess. How about that, Gus?"

When the desert rat said nothing, Ace went on, "He tells them stories, gets 'em all hepped up about what the West was like in the old days. You know, the rough 'n tough stuff. In fact, he claims to be the one that made Kid Monte leave town, when he was sheriff of course. Monte threatened to come back and shoot it out with him some day, so ever since old Gus has hauled that gun around on his hip. Imagine Ace, for a line of baloney like that he gets five, mebbe ten bucks. What a racket."

Gus kicked some wood shavings into the road. He watched the limousine pull to the curb, the passengers alight and go into the town's only restaurant. That was good. When they were filled up, they'd do a little sight-seeing and he could make a little money. That is, if Ace and Ben would only keep from heckling him.

Ace grinned broadly. "Let's hear about those days, Pop. Ben here got me all excited. Of course, we won't pay no dough, but let's hear it anyway."

"Huh," Gus scowled, "What good would it do you to hear about it. Look at the clothes you wear, fancy cowboy duds. Fifty years ago they wouldn't even have let you ride a burro."

A faraway look came into Gus' eyes. Ace and Ben winked at each other. "Yes, sir, the west was wild and woolly, then. Course, the town didn't change much, but the people did. Come Saturday night and you never saw such whooping and goings-on. Wherever you went you had to check the shootin' irons at the door, so there'd be no gun fights indoors.

"It was right after Kid Monte moved into these parts that they elected me sheriff. They knew I was the only one in town that wasn't skeered of Kid Monte. We grew up together until his family moved across the border, and I used to beat him up regularly. Yes sir, Kid Monte always was askeered of me.

"There were two spreads north of here run by Big Jim Harper and his partner, Drake. Those boys were the big shots, and what they said went. Well, they said that Kid Monte was coming across the border and rustling their cattle, then selling it in Mexico. They wanted me to wait for the kid and gun him down, but I stood up to Harper and Drake and told 'em to do their own gunning. That was outside the limits of my jurisdiction.

"Well, they gave me a hard time, all right. Almost lost my job. Then one day I found out something I didn't know before. Harper and Drake had the spread that used to belong to Kid Monte's old man. They forced him to pack up and get out, and they never gave him a cent for the place. So what Kid Monte was actually doing was getting his own cattle back.

"The bad part was that all over the state everybody was blaming other rustlings on Kid Monte,

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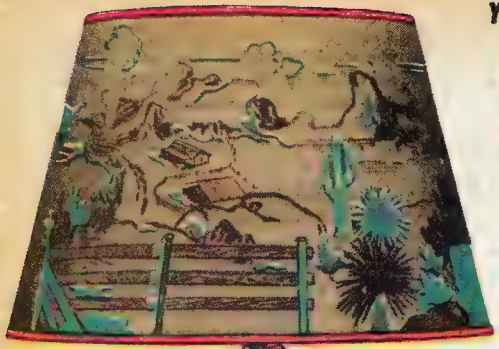

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too. He got to have some reputation—and he blamed it all on me! He swore to get me, and just to show me how good he could shoot, he'd come blazing through town here on the dead gallop and put one shot through the flagpole on top of the courthouse building. If you look up there you'll see it punctured right through the middle, all the way down. One shot is his, the next one mine. Then, the minute after Kid Monte plugged the pole, I'd step out and plug it to show him on the next time around that I was just as good. That made him madder than ever.

"He really had most of Harper and Drake's herd across the border by now, and I stepped in to take over. Only when I was at the spread did I happen to uncover some evidence that proved Harper and Drake didn't own the place and I showed them what I found. That did it. Both of them went for their guns, but I got Harper and nicked Drake. By that time the others came busting in and I lit out.

"As I went tearing across the plains with the gang behind me, I ran smack into Kid Monte driving off fifty head of steers. Naturally, he thinks we're after him and he tries to get me, and so does the gang behind me. Lucky for us, it was pretty dark. I managed to see Drake, though. He had spotted the Kid and was sneaking up to get him when I plugged him. Only the Kid thinks I shot at him and blazes away. He got me in the leg, that's why I got this limp today. He tried to beat it then, and I let loose. He yelled once so I think I got him in the leg, too, and as he rode away he shouted that he'd come back and get me no matter how long it took."

Ace grinned. "Good story, pop. Pretty hard to believe, though, the part about shooting that flagpole, I mean. From here that pole is a good two hundred feet off, and I'd like to see somebody plug it square with an old .45."

"We were good men then, son," Gus said.

Ace snorted, then turned when a deep voice behind him said, "You bet they were good!" The dignified old gentleman in the tan sport coat twirled his cane, then handed it to his chauffeur who stood behind him. Ace and Ben nodded solemnly as they did to all wealthy tourists. "I've kept track of western history, old timer," the tourist said. "I understand shooting that flagpole like that is something that's never been duplicated."

"That's right," Gus told him. "Just the Monte Kid and me could do it."

The old fellow smiled broadly. "Say, I'd like to see an exhibition of that kind of shooting. How about it? I'll pay you well for a demonstration." His hands opened a checkbook and wrote in it rapidly. Gus was at a loss. He sure could use the money, but his eyes weren't so good, and . . .

"Okay," Gus said. The two cowboys looked amazed. They didn't think he had the nerve to try the stunt and spoil a good story. The desert rat pulled out the gun, clicked back the hammer. His arm came up slowly, then the gun roared and spat flame. Ace and Ben were staggered, for they could see the new hole in the flagpole. They couldn't believe their eyes.

Evidently the tourist was satisfied. He thanked old Gus and walked toward the limousine. The car had driven off when Gus looked at the check. It was for five thousand dollars! A note on the bottom read, "THANKS FOR SAVING MY LIFE THAT NIGHT. I'M RESPECTABLE NOW. KID MONTE."

Gus's hand was shaking. "Impossible! It couldn't be him!"

Ace said, "He limped and you said you got him in the leg. Could be!"

They were shaking their heads when a roar came from the edge of town. The roar was the fast engine of the tourists' limousine. It sped down the street, then, when the car was abreast of the three there was the crash of gunfire followed by a yell of challenge.

Gus staggered back a step, but he wasn't shot, he was looking at the flagpole. So was Ace and Ben. There was a second new hole in it now! Ace said, "Chum, let's you and me get out of here. I don't get the set-up. Maybe it's all a fake, but these old timers play too rough!

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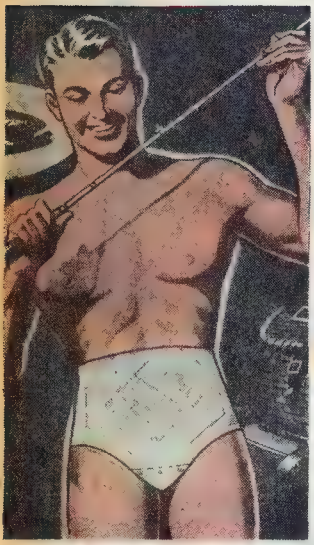

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The ANT WORLD

AN ADVENTURE INTO TERROR!

MY NAME IS GUSTAV VAN DOREN! I WAS ONCE A SANE, RATIONAL MAN, BUT NOW I DO NOT BELIEVE SANITY EXISTS IN THIS WORLD! I DO NOT BELIEVE IT BECAUSE I HAVE PLUMBED THE DEPTHS OF AN ABYSMAL HORROR IN THE NAMELESS REGIONS BEYOND MAN'S KNOWLEDGE! AFTER WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND EXPERIENCED, I DO NOT CARE TO LIVE, AND ONLY WISH TO SET FORTH HERE A RECORD OF THE UNSPEAKABLE EVIL I HAVE WITNESSED!

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I SHALL NEVER FORGET THE PALL OF IMPENDING DOOM WHICH HUNG OVER THE HOOG MANSION THE DAY VIVIAN AND I WENT OUT TO BUY IT...

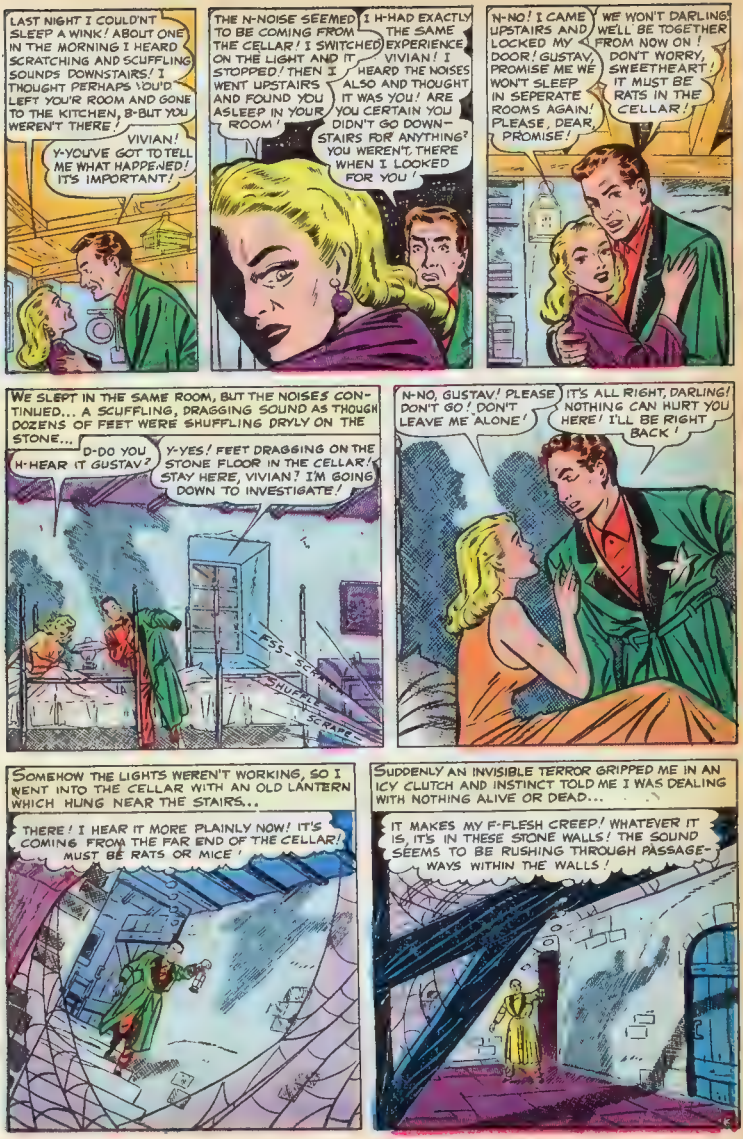
IT HAS A PECULIAR, MOODY CHARM ABOUT IT, GUSTAV, AND WE BOTH LOVE EARLY AMERICAN HOUSES! WE CAN DO WONDERS WITH IT, DEAR!

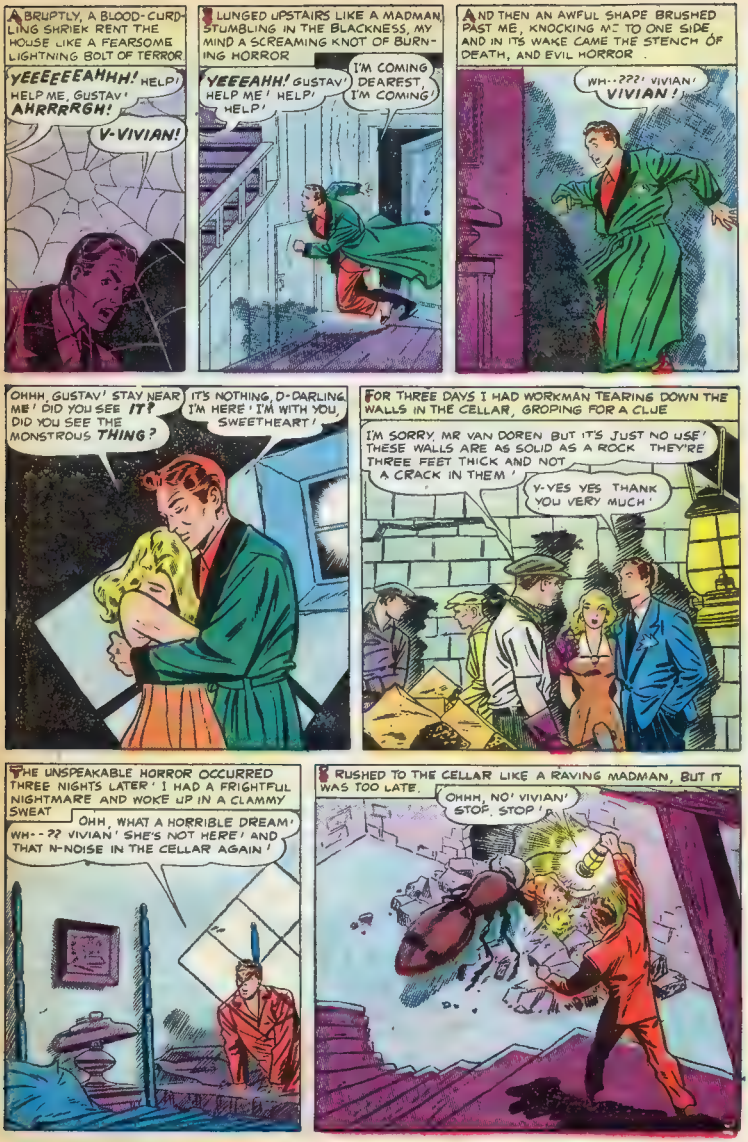
I DON'T KNOW, VIVIAN! IT'S RATHER GRIM AND FORBIDDING! WHY HASN'T IT BEEN OCCUPIED FOR THE LAST TWO CENTURIES?

WAL, THERE'S SOME PREETY STRONG TALES GOES WITH THE HOOG PLACE! I'VE HEER'D O' THEM SINCE I WAS A LEEDLE SHAVER! THAT OLD HOOG WHAT BUILT THE HOUSE WAS A MIGHTY PECULIAR FELLER, THEY SAY!

PECULIAR? IN WHAT WAY?

OLD HOOG WAS A SCIENTIST, OR SOMETHIN' O' THET SORT! HE USED TO CARRY ON SOMETHIN' AWFUL OUT HERE! WOULDN'T LET NARY A SOUL COME NEAR THE PLACE AN' JES' KEPT TINKERIN' WITH LIVIN' THINGS!
WHAT KIND OF LIVING THINGS?
WHY, COWS, AN' HORSES, AN' DOGS, AN' SECH! DOWN TO THE COUNTY CLERK'S YE CAN STILL SEE THE RECORDS OF WARRANTS SWORN OUT AGIN OLD HOOG! HEH HEH! BUT THEY NEVER PINNED NOTHIN' ON HIM! HE WAS A SMART ONE, OLD HOOG!
YOU MEAN THE NEIGHBORS SWORE OUT WARRANTS AGAINST HIM? FOR WHAT?
FER EXAMPLE, THERE'D BE A DOG MISSIN', AN' WHEN THEY COME A-LOOKIN' HERE FOR THE CRITTER, THEY D FIND A DOG JES' LIKE THE ONE WAS MISSIN', 'CEPT HE'D WAS EITHER TEN TIMES AS BIG OR TWICE AS LITTLE!
I DON'T BELIEVE THOSE OLD WIVE'S TALES! WE'LL BUY THE HOUSE, VIVIAN AND TAKE OCCUPANCY NEXT MONTH!
BY THE WAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO OLD HOOG?
DISAPPEARED! PLUMB VANISHED FROM THE FACE O' THIS EARTH LIKE HE NEVER WAS HERE! HEH! HEH! SOME FOLKS SAY HE'S STILL AROUND, THOUGH!
IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, HARD WORK, REMODELING, CLEANING AND BUILDING CROWDED THE TALES OUT OF OUR MINDS...
YOU'VE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB OF REMODELING, MR. DRAKE! YOU'VE KEPT THE ANTIQUE CHARM OF THE PLACE WITHOUT SACRIFICING COMFORT!
THANK YOU, MR. VAN DOREN! IT'S THE ODDEST HOUSE I'VE EVER WORKED ON! THOSE WALLS ARE THREE FEET THICK... AND THAT CELLAR! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!
DRAKE'S CONTRACTING
I NOTICED A SHADOW OF FEAR ACROSS HIS FACE...
Y-YOU SAY THAT WITH A TONE OF FOREBODING, MR. DRAKE!
OH, EXCUSE ME, I DIDN'T MEAN IT! IT'S JUST THAT WE ALL EXPERIENCE PECULIAR SENSATIONS WHILE WE WORKED IN THE CELLAR! I HOPE YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY HERE!
WE WERE HAPPY THERE... FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AND THEN THINGS BEGAN TO HAPPEN.. STRANGE THINGS!
GUSTAV, I FEEL A BIT NERVOUS THIS MORNING! WE ALWAYS PROMISED WE'D BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER.. AND I'M W-WORRIED!
WORRIED, DARLING? WHAT ABOUT?


LAST NIGHT I COULDN'T SLEEP A WINK! ABOUT ONE IN THE MORNING I HEARD SCRATCHING AND SCUFFLING SOUNDS DOWNSTAIRS! I THOUGHT PERHAPS YOU'D LEFT YOU'R ROOM AND GONE TO THE KITCHEN, B-BUT YOU WEREN'T THERE!
VIVIAN!
Y-YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED! IT'S IMPORTANT!
THE N-NOISE SEEMED TO BE COMING FROM THE CELLAR! I SWITCHED ON THE LIGHT AND IT STOPPED! THEN I WENT UPSTAIRS AND FOUND YOU ASLEEP IN YOUR ROOM!
I H-HAD EXACTLY THE SAME EXPERIENCE VIVIAN! I HEARD THE NOISES ALSO AND THOUGHT IT WAS YOU! ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU DIDN'T GO DOWN-STAIRS FOR ANYTHING? YOU WEREN'T THERE WHEN I LOOKED FOR YOU!
N-NO! I CAME UPSTAIRS AND LOCKED MY DOOR! GUSTAV, PROMISE ME WE WON'T SLEEP IN SEPERATE ROOMS AGAIN! PLEASE, DEAR, I PROMISE!
WE WON'T DARLING! WE'LL BE TOGETHER FROM NOW ON! DON'T WORRY, SWEETHEART! IT MUST BE RATS IN THE CELLAR!
WE SLEPT IN THE SAME ROOM, BUT THE NOISES CONTINUED... A SCUFFLING, DRAGGING SOUND AS THOUGH DOZENS OF FEET WERE SHUFFLING DRYLY ON THE STONE...
D-DO YOU H-HEAR IT GUSTAV?
Y-YES! FEET DRAGGING ON THE STONE FLOOR IN THE CELLAR! STAY HERE, VIVIAN! I'M GOING DOWN TO INVESTIGATE!
FSS-SCRAPE
SHUFFLE
SCRAPE
N-NO, GUSTAV! PLEASE DON'T GO! DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, DARLING! NOTHING CAN HURT YOU HERE! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
SOMEHOW THE LIGHTS WEREN'T WORKING, SO I WENT INTO THE CELLAR WITH AN OLD LANTERN WHICH HUNG NEAR THE STAIRS...
THERE! I HEAR IT MORE PLAINLY NOW! IT'S COMING FROM THE FAR END OF THE CELLAR! MUST BE RATS OR MICE!
SUDDENLY AN INVISIBLE TERROR GRIPPED ME IN AN ICY CLUTCH AND INSTINCT TOLD ME I WAS DEALING WITH NOTHING ALIVE OR DEAD...
IT MAKES MY F-FLESH CREEP! WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S IN THESE STONE WALLS! THE SOUND SEEMS TO BE RUSHING THROUGH PASSAGE-WAYS WITHIN THE WALLS!


ABRUPTLY, A BLOOD-CURDLING SHRIEK RENT THE HOUSE LIKE A FEARSOME LIGHTNING BOLT OF TERROR
YEEEEEEAHHH! HELP! HELP ME, GUSTAV! AHRRRGH!
V-VIVIAN!
I LUNGED UPSTAIRS LIKE A MADMAN, STUMBLING IN THE BLACKNESS, MY MIND A SCREAMING KNOT OF BURNING HORROR
YEEEAHH! GUSTAV! HELP ME! HELP! HELP!
I'M COMING DEAREST, I'M COMING!
AND THEN AN AWFUL SHAPE BRUSHED PAST ME, KNOCKING ME TO ONE SIDE AND IN ITS WAKE CAME THE STENCH OF DEATH, AND EVIL HORROR
WH--???! VIVIAN! VIVIAN!
OHHH, GUSTAV! STAY NEAR ME! DID YOU SEE IT? DID YOU SEE THE MONSTROUS THING?
IT'S NOTHING, D-DARLING. I'M HERE! I'M WITH YOU, SWEETHEART!
FOR THREE DAYS I HAD WORKMAN TEARING DOWN THE WALLS IN THE CELLAR, GROPING FOR A CLUE
I'M SORRY, MR VAN DOREN BUT IT'S JUST NO USE! THESE WALLS ARE AS SOLID AS A ROCK THEY'RE THREE FEET THICK AND NOT A CRACK IN THEM!
V-YES YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
THE UNSPEAKABLE HORROR OCCURRED THREE NIGHTS LATER! I HAD A FRIGHTFUL NIGHTMARE AND WOKE UP IN A CLAMMY SWEAT
OHH, WHAT A HORRIBLE DREAM! WH--?? VIVIAN! SHE'S NOT HERE! AND THAT N-NOISE IN THE CELLAR AGAIN!
I RUSHED TO THE CELLAR LIKE A RAVING MADMAN, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.
OHHH, NO! VIVIAN! STOP. STOP!

IT WAS A GRUESOME NIGHTMARE...A WILD, INSANE DREAM! I WAS *INSIDE* THOSE SOLID WALLS CHASING A SPECTRE OF HORROR THROUGH A MYRIAD OF TUNNELS AND PASSAGEWAYS, SCREAMING HOARSELY, HOPELESSLY.
VIVIAN! COME BACK TO ME! STOP! IN HEAVEN'S NAME, STOP!
VIVIAN! VIVIAN! I'M COMING AFTER YOU!
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I REMAINED UNCONSCIOUS! I ONLY KNOW THAT I WOKE UP IN A FANTASTIC WORLD OF HORROR... A WORLD OF SEMI-HUMAN SLAVES ...*AN ANT WORLD!*
WH-WHERE AM I? AM I DEAD? AM I ALIVE? IS THIS SOME GHASTLY DREAM? IS VIVIAN ALIVE?
HIS ANTENNA ARE WAVING! HE UNDERSTANDS ME!
WHERE IS MY WIFE? YOU MUST LET ME OUT OF HERE! AM I GOING MAD?
TIME LOST ALL MEANING! I WORKED WITH THE OTHERS, DIGGING, BURROWING, SCRAPING, CARRYING, AND GRADUALLY I FELT A CHANGE COMING OVER ME! AT NIGHT, I SLEPT WITH THE OTHER SLAVES ..
I HAVE A FEELING THESE ANTS HAVE ALSO BEEN HUMANS! WHY DON'T THEY TALK? WILL I BECOME LIKE THEM?
YES! UNLESS YOU ESCAPE! THEY KNOW EVERYTHING... YOUR THOUGHTS...YOUR HOPES...YOUR WISHES! THERE IS ONE WAY HOWEVER! FOR YEARS WE HAVE BEEN BUILDING A RADIO TO CONTACT THE OUTER WORLD WITH IT IS ALMOST FINISHED NOW!
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HOW WILL WE DIE? SOMEHOW WE MUST BE RESCUED!
NO! NO! YOU MUST REMEMBER WE ARE THE SIZE OF ANTS! IF RESCUE COMES, THEY WILL ONLY TRAMPLE US TO DEATH! WILL THEY STARE AT OUR MANGLED BODIES AND KNOW WE ARE HUMANS?
NOT YOU, BUT THEY'LL RECOGNIZE ME! I'M STILL HUMAN! I STILL HAVE HUMAN SHAPE, EVEN THOUGH I AM YOUR SIZE!
SUDDENLY THE VERY EARTH BEGAN TO TREMBLE AND QUAKE AS AN ELECTRIC CHARGE OF ENERGY SURGED THROUGH THE COLONY...
THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL! WE WILL DIE UNDER THE FEET OF OUR LIBERATORS!
CRASH!
I RAN...BUT EVERYWHERE WAS DESTRUCTION...I HID... BUT TERROR AND TURMOIL AND DEATH RAINED DOWN IN A VAST CATACLYSM...
NO! NO! WE ARE HUMANS! DON'T CRUSH US! CAN'T YOU HEAR OUR VOICES? HELP US! SAVE US!
HELP US! SAVE US! VIVIAN! VIVIAN!
THE MOST FANTASTICALLY HORRIBLE CASE I'VE EVER SEEN! THEY FOUND HIM LYING ON A HUGE ANT HILL IN THE CELLAR OF THE OLD HOOG MANSION! THE PLACE WAS A SHAMBLES! HE HAD A PEN IN HIS HAND WHEN THEY GOT TO HIM!
HE'S DYING OF COURSE, BUT WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY YOU SWATHED HIS HEAD IN BANDAGES AND KEPT THE STAFF AWAY DURING THE OPERATION!
IT'S BETTER THAT HE DIES! I TOLD YOU THEY FOUND HIM ON AN ANT HILL! WELL HIS HEAD IS BANDAGED BECAUSE HE HAS THE BODY OF A MAN... BUT THE HEAD OF AN ANT!
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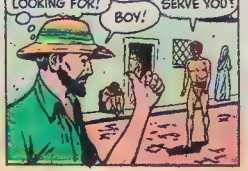
AS YOU KNOW, MY NAME IS OREN VAN SCHOON! I HAVE DEVOTED MY LIFE TO TRAVELING IN EXOTIC, FAR OFF LANDS, SEEKING THE UNKNOWN, DELVING INTO THE CLOSELY GUARDED MAGIC OF THE ANCIENTS, THE LORE WHICH HAS BAFFLED AND ELUDED OUR MODERN SCIENTISTS! SUCH WAS MY MISSION WHEN I ARRIVED HERE IN INDIA, ONE MONTH AGO...

INDIA! MOST MYSTERIOUS OF ALL COUNTRIES! HERE I MUST FIND WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR!

BOY!

YES, EFFENDI! HOW MAY I SERVE YOU?



HE WAS A MISERABLE, WIZENED LITTLE CREATURE, THIS STUPID NATIVE WHO CAME SCURRYING AT MY CALL! TYPICAL OF HIS KIND, TOO DUMB TO HAVE ANY SENSE OR FEELING, SINGH MAJ WAS PUTTY TO *ME*, A CIVILIZED, CULTURED GENTLEMAN! I TREATED HIM WITH THE SUPERIORITY AND SCORN HIS KIND DESERVED!

DOG! YOU DID NOT ANSWER ME QUICKLY ENOUGH! WHEN YOUR MASTER CALLS... *OBEY!*

OHHH! PLEASE, SIR... PLEASE FORGIVE ME! I WILL HASTEN MORE QUICKLY NEXT TIME!

SEE THAT YOU DO 'NOW THEN! TAKE ME AMONG THE DIRTY FAKIRS AND MORONIC MAGICIANS OF YOUR PEOPLE! I WANT TO SEE EVERYTHING! EVERYTHING, DO YOU HEAR? IF YOU HIDE SOMETHING FROM ME, I SHALL CUT OFF YOUR EARS AND FEED THEM TO THE PIGS!
IT SHALL BE AS YOU SAY, LORD AND MASTER! COME!
YOU SEE, MY FRIEND, MY INTENTIONS IN VISITING INDIA WERE THIS... I WANTED TO LEARN THE SECRET OF THE ROPE TRICK AND OTHER UNFATHOMABLE MYSTERIES OF THESE PEOPLE OF LOW CASTE 'THEN I WOULD RETURN TO THE STATES, EXPLOITING THESE THINGS, MAKING A FORTUNE FOR MYSELF AS AN EXPLORER OF THE EXOTIC, A DISCOVERER OF THE IMPOSSIBLE LEGERDEMAIN!
BEHOLD, EFFENDI! 'THE STREET OF THE FAKIRS!
GOOD! GOOD! 'THE ROPE TRICK! I WANT TO SEE THAT! LEAD ME TO IT!
THE ROPE TRICK! FANTASTIC, UNBELIEVABLE! IF I COULD DISCOVER THE SECRET OF DOING THIS, I WOULD BE RICH AND FAMOUS BEYOND DESCRIPTION! AND THERE IT WAS BEING DONE BEFORE MY VERY EYES. BY A DIRTY, IGNORANT NATIVE!
AMAZING! IT HANGS IN THE AIR WITH NO VISIBLE SUPPORT... AND THAT LOUT CLIMBS UP AS CALMLY AS IF IT WERE NOTHING! I MUST KNOW HOW HE DOES IT!
THAT SECRET EFFENDI WILL NEVER BE REVEALED TO AN OUTSIDER! IT IS HANDED DOWN FROM FATHER TO SON!
SO? WELL, IT WILL BE HANDED DOWN TO ME! I MEAN TO KNOW HOW TO DO THIS TRICK!
EFFENDI . NO! WHAT DO YOU DO?
A FEW SHOTS FIRED INTO THE AIR WERE ENOUGH TO CLEAR THE STREET OF THE RABBLE WHO SCURRIED LIKE RATS TO THEIR HOLES! I WAS LEFT FACING THE NATIVE WHO CRINGED, TREMBLING BEFORE ME!
HA! HA! RUN, YOU WEASELS! RUN, OR I SHALL BLAST YOU TO KINGDOM COME! YOU, FAKIR, REMAIN!
YES, SAHIB. ONLY.. PLEASE, DO NOT SHOOT!
BANG! BANG!
I HAVE ONE BULLET LEFT... ONE BULLET WHICH I SHALL SEND INTO THAT EMPTY SKULL OF YOURS. UNLESS YOU TELL ME THE SECRET OF THE ROPE TRICK! SPEAK!
I CANNOT! OH, EFFENDI, DO NOT FORCE ME TO TELL YOU!
I DO NOT INTEND TO ARGUE, LOUT! THE SECRET! TELL ME THE SECRET . OR...
WAIT I WILL TELL YOU! IT IS DONE SO.
AND HE TOLD ME! AT LAST I WAS THE ONLY OUTSIDER TO LEARN HOW TO DO THIS TRICK WHICH HAD BEEN A MYSTERY FOR COUNTLESS AGES! IT WAS EASY TO LEARN IF YOU KNEW HOW TO BE RUTHLESS . AS I DID!
GOOD! IN PAYMENT, I WILL GIVE YOU YOUR LIFE, WORTHLESS AS IT IS! COME, SINGH MAJ!
EFFENDI, YOU ARE CRUEL! THAT IS NO BEAST YOU ARE WHIPPING! THAT IS A MORTAL, A HUMAN BEING . EVEN AS YOU IT IS NOT RIGHT TO TREAT ONE SO!
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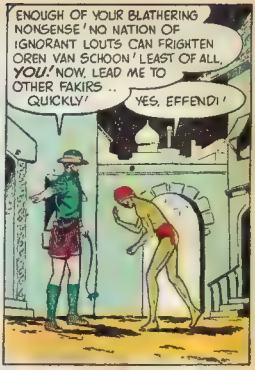
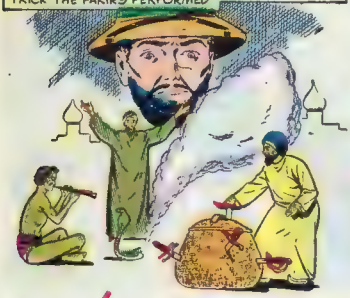
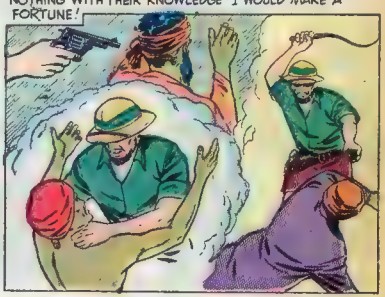
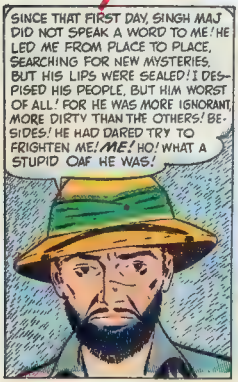
WHAT? YOU DARE TO SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT?
FORGIVE ME... BUT HERE IN INDIA THERE IS JUSTICE' FATE WILL NOT BE CHEATED' THERE ARE WAYS, EFFENDI... THERE ARE WAYS!


ENOUGH OF YOUR BLATHERING NONSENSE! NO NATION OF IGNORANT LOUTS CAN FRIGHTEN OREN VAN SCHOON! LEAST OF ALL, YOU! NOW, LEAD ME TO OTHER FAKIRS .. QUICKLY!
YES, EFFENDI!


I SAW THEM ALL. THE SNAKE CHARMER TRICK. THE HEAD OF A WOMAN WITHOUT A BODY! THE UNTYING OF THE KNOTS THAT COULD NOT BE UNTIED... THE SECRET OF LOOKING INTO THE PAST! I SAW EVERY TRICK THE FAKIRS PERFORMED!


AND... I LEARNED THEM ALL! I BEAT THEM, THREATENED, CHEATED... AND THE NATIVES, STUPID, AFRAID, REVEALED THEIR SECRETS TO ME! HOW SUPERIOR I WAS TO THEM, HOW I LAUGHED AT THEIR IGNORANCE! AFTER ALL, THEY DID NOTHING WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE! I WOULD MAKE A FORTUNE!


SINCE THAT FIRST DAY, SINGH MAJ DID NOT SPEAK A WORD TO ME! HE LED ME FROM PLACE TO PLACE, SEARCHING FOR NEW MYSTERIES, BUT HIS LIPS WERE SEALED! I DESPISED HIS PEOPLE, BUT HIM WORST OF ALL! FOR HE WAS MORE IGNORANT, MORE DIRTY THAN THE OTHERS! BESIDES! HE HAD DARED TRY TO FRIGHTEN ME! ME! HO! WHAT A STUPID OAF HE WAS!

I DID NOT WRITE DOWN MY SECRETS! I WAS AFRAID SOMEONE WOULD STEAL THEM, SO I KEPT THEM ALL IN MY HEAD! THEN, AT LAST, I WAS READY TO LEAVE INDIA! I WAS IN MY ROOM PACKING, WHEN...
COME IN!
KNOCK! KNOCK!

EFFENDI, I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOU!
SO, SINGH MAJ, YOU'VE FINALLY DECIDED TO SPEAK, EH? WELL, IF YOU'VE COME FOR YOUR PAY, FORGET IT! YOUR SERVICE WAS MOST UNSATISFACTORY AND I DO NOT INTEND TO PAY YOU A PENNY!
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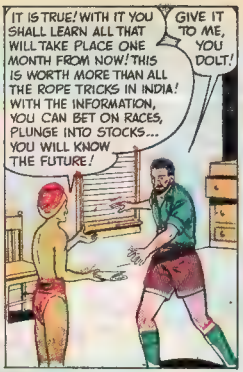
Clothing _____

I WANT NO PAY, EFFENDI! RATHER, I HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING... NEXT MONTH'S NEWSPAPER!
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?


IT IS TRUE! WITH IT YOU SHALL LEARN ALL THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ONE MONTH FROM NOW! THIS IS WORTH MORE THAN ALL THE ROPE TRICKS IN INDIA! WITH THE INFORMATION, YOU CAN BET ON RACES, PLUNGE INTO STOCKS... YOU WILL KNOW THE FUTURE!
GIVE IT TO ME, YOU DOLT!

HERE, EFFENDI-- IT IS YOURS---- OHHHH!
AND THIS IS YOURS, STUPID LOUT! DO YOU THINK I'D LET YOU LIVE TO GIVE THIS SECRET TO ANY-ONE ELSE?

EAGERLY, HUNGRILY, BARELY ABLE TO CONTROL MYSELF I OPENED THE PAPER...AND SAW...
NO! NO!
FAR EAST COURIER
OREN VAN SCHOON TO HANG FOR KILLING OF NATIVE!
FAMOUS EXPLORER WILL DIE THIS WEEK IN MURDER OF SINGH MAJ.

YOU SEE, EFFENDI, EVEN HERE, IN INDIA, LAND OF MYSTERY, THERE IS SUCH A THING AS JUSTICE! FATE WILL NOT BE CHEATED! YOU HAVE HAD YOUR WISH, EFFENDI! YOU KNOW ALL OF THE SECRETS OF MY PEOPLE! NOW YOU KNOW THE GREATEST SECRET OF ALL... YOU KNOW THE FUTURE!
SHUT UP! YOU'RE DEAD! DEAD!
BANG!
BANG! BANG!

WHEN THE HOTEL OFFICIALS CAME INTO MY ROOM THEY FOUND ME PUMPING BULLETS INTO SINGH MAJ'S BODY! NOW...HERE I AM... A MONTH LATER, TALKING TO YOU...
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COME, OREN VAN SCHOON... YOUR TIME IS HERE!
EH? SO SOON? BUT MY SECRETS...WHAT ABOUT MY SECRETS? MUST THEY DIE WITH ME?

FAREWELL, MY VISITOR! TELL THE WORLD MY STORY...TELL THE WORLD THAT THE ANCIENT SECRETS OF INDIA ARE STILL LOCKED WITHIN THAT DARK LAND OF MYSTERY! FAREWELL!
THE END

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LOSE UGLY FAT OR NO CHARGE

BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead . . . according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's *good night!*"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *want* to!

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man" . . . super at track, games, sports of all kinds . . . who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the cup. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

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I WONDER WHY WE'RE NOT POPULAR SIS?
ASK YOUR FRIEND TOM
TOM, WHY DON'T SIS AND I GET INVITED TO PROMS AND PARTIES
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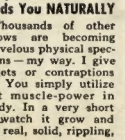

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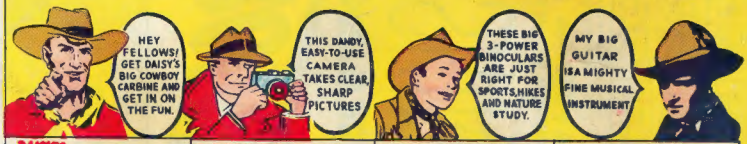
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